

# SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: CS/SCR 2798

SPONSOR: Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee and Senator Atwater

SUBJECT: Joint Rules of the Legislature

DATE: April 22, 2003 REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

|    | ANALYST       | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION        |
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## I. Summary:

This bill substantially amends Joint Rule 6 of the Florida Legislature relating to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA).

The bill provides nomenclature changes in joint rules of the Florida Legislature consistent with the renaming and reorganization of auditing and policy analysis duties contained in CS/SB 1894.

## II. Present Situation:

The Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) was created by ch. 94-249, Laws of Florida, as a formalized entity to undertake the performance auditing and policy analysis responsibilities previously assumed by the Office of Auditor General. The joint operations of the legislative branch of state government are governed by various provisions in ch. 11, F.S., and involve either shared governance by committees of equal number of legislators appointed from each chamber or direct administration from the presiding officers themselves.

There are eight Joint Rules:

- Lobbyist Registration and Reporting [ 1 ]
- General Appropriations Bill [ 2 ]
- Legislative Support Services [ 3 ]
- Joint Legislative Auditing Committee [ 4 ]
- Auditor General [ 5 ]
- Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability [ 6 ]
- Joint Legislative Budget Commission [ 7 ]

## Continuing Existence of Joint Rules [ 8 ]

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The concurrent resolution makes nomenclature changes to refer to the Office of Government Accountability (OGA) as the umbrella successor to the separately named Office of the Auditor General and Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, as follows:

**Joint Rule Four**

The bill replaces separate references to the Office of the Auditor General and OPPAGA with a combined reference to the newly designated Office of Government Accountability as they relate to requests for audits and reviews received by the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee. The amendments also permit the joint alternating chairs to introduce legislation in their respective chambers on OGA matters regardless of any other Senate or House of Representatives rule limiting the filing of bills.

**Joint Rule Five**

In addition to nomenclature, changes in this rule provide for direct transmission of recommendations for legislative action to the appropriate substantive and fiscal committees of the Legislature. The OGA shall annually transmit a list of recommendations needing legislative attention.

**Joint Rule Six**

This rule, relating to the specific responsibilities of the OPPAGA director, is repealed in its entirety.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.

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